

Notice dated 14th February 1903.

It is hereby notified for general information that dogs found straying apparently ownerless within the City Municipal limits will be destroyed, commencing from 1st March up to the end of June 1903. All persons owning dogs are requested to have them tied up or, if allowed to stray, to have collars put on them.

P. PALPU, for President.

KOLAR GOLD FIELDS.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KOLAR GOLD FIELDS SANITARY BOARD, HELD ON THE 17TH NOVEMBER 1902.

PRESENT.

Ex-Officio Members.

F. E. C. Carr, Esq., President; E. S. Krishnaswamy Iyer, Esq., Civil Surgeon.
R. B. Plumer, Esq., Vice-President; G. Lavelle, Esq., Inspector of Mines.

Non-Official Members.

Richard Hancock, Esq.; Dr. T. J. O'Donnel.
R. H. P. Bullen, Esq.; R. E. George, Esq.

1. The President explained to the Board the object for which the special meeting had been convened; namely, to consider the relative positions of the Sanitary Board and Plague staff with regard to Plague Administration on the Field, and to determine the strength of establishment which was necessary for each.

2. A letter from Dr. O'Donnel, Chief Medical Officer of the Mining Board, on the subject, was read suggesting that the Plague and Sanitary Board establishments should be amalgamated and constituted into one establishment, and placed under one supervising officer, as was the case on the mining properties.

3. The President pointed out that, although for some reasons it would be advantageous to amalgamate the two Departments, from the nature of the work, and the different sources from which each Department was paid, the proposal would be practically unworkable.

Plague expenditure in a great part being met from *Provincial Funds*, and the expenses of the Sanitary Board establishment from the Sanitary Board Funds.

The duties also being of such a divergent nature, two separate officers, viz., the Vice-President, Sanitary Board and Civil Surgeon as Plague Officer, were required to adequately supervise them, the Civil Surgeon having his Government Hospital, Plague Hospital, Plague Inspection work to supervise, the Vice-President having his Municipal, Licensing, Magisterial and other duties, all connected with the Sanitary Board work to look after.

The President, however, added that both Departments were virtually under one head, namely himself, as President of the Sanitary Board, and Deputy Commissioner in charge of the *Plague Administration of the District*.

4. He further called attention to the fact that during the last three years, the income of the Board had more than doubled itself, and that, as a natural consequence, the responsibilities of the Board, and the purely Municipal work of the Board's establishment had proportionately increased.

5. He then read out a statement showing the various duties carried out by the Sanitary Inspector of the Board as follows:—

STATEMENT.

- (i) To inspect 86 villages and 6 cooly colonies, and to supervise their general sanitation.
(ii.) Attending to building applications in the Sanitary Board area and seeing that the orders regarding the proper construction of such buildings are carried out.

Note.—1901-02, building applications 192.
1902-03 do 46.

- (iii.) Issuing notices to parties to put their drains and cess-pits in order and to protect private wells, to improve sanitary condition of their houses and to prevent overcrowding in the residences of mine coolies.

Note.—In 1901-02—205 complied with,
59 prosecuted,

198 time given for compliance,

362 Total Notices.

- (iv.) Attending to applications for licenses to sell articles for human consumption in the different villages.

Note.—1901-02—License applications 247.
1902-03 (1st July to date)—License applications 335.

- (v.) Issuing licenses.—157 in the past year.

- (vi.) Attending to Wednesday and Sunday shandy collections and on pay shandies Saturday and Sunday.

Note.—A full day's work for 2 days weekly.

- (vii.) Collecting rents from the various cooly colonies monthly—

Huts.—Ooregum cooly colony	...	350 huts.
Pitchapalli do	...	200 "
Maskam do	...	471 "
Belganhalli do	...	100 "

1,121

Present rent per mensem—	Rs.	a.	p.
245 at Re. 1 per mensem	245	0	0
876 „ As. 8 „ „	438	8	0
Approximate demand	683	8	0

- (viii.) Inspection of nine slaughter sheds and eight cattle pounds.
 (ix.) Supervising Sanitary Board works, such as construction and repair of slaughter sheds, drains, cattle-pounds, latrines, wells, marking out sites for cooly colonies, buildings, roads etc.
 (x.) Checking estimates, measuring up works, and submitting bills in conjunction with the Work Inspector.
 (xi.) Prosecuting persons for infringement of the Sanitary Rules and Bye-laws—59 cases in the past year.

Note.—During the prevalence of plague for the past three years in the villages of the Sanitary Board area, the Overseers and Sanitary Inspector invariably helped the plague authorities in plague work.

6. The President explained that from the fees levied weekly in the market, an income of at least Rs. 1,500 per mensem may be reckoned on; and that when the cooly colonies are complete, the monthly income from rents would probably reach a total of Rs. 1,000, which meant that the Sanitary Inspector Mr. Fairman and his Sanitary Board staff, in addition to their other Municipal duties, were responsible to the Board for the punctual collection of rents and fees amounting to nearly Rs. 2,500 monthly.

7. This being the case, the President asked the Board to sanction the employment of an additional establishment under the Sanitary Inspector to meet the increasing demands on the resources of the Sanitary Staff, of—

- 2 Rent-collectors on Rs. 15 each per mensem.
- 4 Extra sweepers on „ „ do
- 1 Lamp-lighter „ 10 do
- 1 Watchman „ 10 do

the extra cost to be met from market fees and cooly colony rents.

A more competent Work Inspector also having been taken on, it was proposed to raise his pay from Rs. 25 to 35 per mensem.

8. With regard to the plague establishment employed on the Gold Fields and surrounding villages, the Vice-President stated that he had deputed two Sanitary Board Overseers to work entirely under the orders of the Civil Surgeon, and that the whole of the Sanitary Board staff, including the Sanitary Inspector Mr. Fairman, made it a distinct and important part of their duty to report all cases of plague, and help the plague authorities in disinfection and other purely plague work; and that this course had invariably been followed from the time the Sanitary Board had come into existence.

9. The President proposed the following establishments to work directly under the Vice-President, Sanitary Board, and Civil Surgeon, Plague Department, in view of preventing any misunderstanding arising, as to the legitimate duties devolving respectively on the Sanitary Board and plague staffs, keeping clearly in mind that the Sanitary Board staff were to co-operate in every way with the plague establishment in purely plague work:—

Sanitary Board Vice-President's establishment.

- 1 Sanitary Inspector.
- 2 Sanitary Overseers.
- 2 Bill-collectors.
- 1 Work Inspector.
- 1 Shekdar.
- 20 Totis for villages.
- 10 Do. for cooly colonies.
- 3 Do. for Police lines, chattram, etc.
- 14 Sweepers for Ooregum village market and new town.
- 1 Lamp-lighter.
- 1 Watchman.

Civil Surgeon's Plague establishment.

- 1 Sub-Assistant Surgeon.
- 1 Hospital Assistant with full staff of Hospital servants } Plague Hospital.
costing 150 a month.
- 1 Plague Inspector.
- 2 Assistant Inspectors. } On the
2 Sanitary Overseers. } Fields.
24 Plague constables. }
24 Totis for disinfection and }
plague work. }
1 Assistant Plague Inspector at Bowringpet.

The Vice-President and Civil Surgeon stated that they were perfectly satisfied with the above arrangements and distribution of staffs.

10. After some further discussion, it was resolved by the Board that the President's proposals be approved and Government requested to sanction the entertainment of the additional staff necessitated by the above arrangements.

R. B. PLUMER,
for Dy. Commr. & President, Sany. Board.